

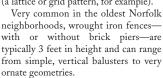




Fencing and Screening

Fences provide definition between public and private spaces and are an integral component of Norfolk landscaping.

Wood fences are the most common, especially in the early-twentieth- and post-war neighborhoods. Typically 30 to 36 inches high, these fences have either flat wide boards that are decoratively cut or square pickets. Privacy fences should only be used in the rear yard and should not exceed 6 feet in height. The upper two feet should have 50 percent opacity (a lattice or grid pattern, for example).



It is recommended that air conditioning and mechanical equipment and any trash enclosures be screened from public view with shrubs, hedges, walls, fences, or a combination of those elements.



Six-foot-high privacy fence





Garden Features

Norfolk houses and lots have a variety of elements that enhance the front, side and rear yards. Trellises, arbors, secluded sitting areas, and decorative fencing elements provide visual interest, additional planting areas, and private, outdoor space.











Front Yard Lighting & Accessories

In addition to streetlights, private homeowners often augment their property with freestanding lights, typically near the front property line next to the driveway, as well as porch lights or sidelights on the house at the entrance.

In the photos at right, the light poles provide a location for the house number as well as a birdfeeder. Front yard accessories that match the materials of the house, such as a planter that doubles as a mailbox (see photo), make attractive accents.



